GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:168
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2005
ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present there are 2.02 crore children enrolled in Class IX and X and they are likely to go upto 2.80 crore by 2007 and more than three crore by 2010-11 as reported in the 'Times of India' dated January 7, 2005 under caption '80 lakh children where do they go for +2';

(b) if so, whether the Government has any bail out plan for these children;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether most of the amount of 2% education cess is being spent on mid day meal and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(e) if so, the strategy chalked out or being chalked out by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 168 FOR ANSWER ON 15.03.2005 ASKED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI REGARDING "ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN"

(a) According to the 7th All India Educational Survey undertaken by the NCERT there are 2.18 crore children in classes IX and X as on the reference date 30 September, 2002. Based on the success of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the enrolment in classes IX & X is likely to increase considerably in the coming years.

(b) & (c) The Government is seized of the problem and a Sub- Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has been constituted to look into the issue of Universalisation of Secondary Education under the Chairmanship of Shri Ghanshyam Tiwari, Education Minister, Rajasthan. The Sub-committee is mandated to prepare a blueprint for the universalisation of secondary education following the attainment of universalisation of elementary education.

(d) & (e) The revised estimate for 2004-05 for receipts on account of the Education Cess is Rs. 5010 crore as reflected in the Receipts Budget 2005-06 of the Ministry of Finance. After imposition of the Education Cess, through the Finance (No.2) Act 2004, additional allocations of Rs.2000 crore and Rs. 1232 crore have been provided for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid Day Meal (MDM) Schemes respectively through the first Supplementary Estimates 2004-05.